

Washington, DC - Rep Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) released the following statement today honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"As our nation reflects on the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the long struggle for civil rights in the United States, let us also remember the values of courage, justice, compassion, and perhaps most fitting in the face of tragedy, service to his fellow men and women.

"Dr. King's values and work in the face of violence, indifference, and entrenched prejudices remind us that the work of one person willing to speak up against injustice can change the world. Because of Dr. King's work, a nation where people are judged by the content of their character, rather than the color of their skin, is closer to reality.

"While the dream that Martin Luther King and thousands of others fought for remains elusive, his legacy lives on in our hearts and minds. Dr. King stood up for people who didn't have a voice when others failed to stand up for them. □ His life should inspire all of us to fight for those among us-of any color, background, or creed-who've had their voices taken away."